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SUBJECT: Project CLEAR SKY

STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

USAF has high priority requirement to obtain air samples in addressee countries immediately following any Chinese Communist x nuclear detonation, assuming weather and wind conditions are such as to make such sampling worthwhile. Samples would be obtained with up to six USAF C-130 or WB-50 aircraft operated by the Air Weather Service. Weather conditions at time of detonation will xx determine whether samples should be taken and where. Hence, time of operation, country or countries of choice, and flight track of aircraft would be unpredictable until approximately 24 hours before

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planes are to arrive in country ~~xx~~ selected. Therefore, if possible, standing permission for such flights under following conditions is desired: 24 hours advance notice of arrival in country will be given through Air Attache. Precise flight track of air sampling flights within the country will be filed with flight plan. Operation will last approximately one week or less. FYI. More than one, repeat one, detonation might require additional time. END FYI.

Following airports would be used if operations were to be conducted in country concerned: Taiwan - Taiwan AB, India - Palam, Pakistan - Mauripur, Turkey - Incirlik, Iran - Mehrabad and Thailand - Don Muang. AIRA will be requested through service channels to make necessary technical arrangements for support and use of these fields once standing permission for flights is obtained.

Foreign officials having need to know may, in Ambassador's discretion, be briefed on true purpose of flights in their country on secret basis. Cover story ~~for~~ for flights would be "weather research carried on with USAF weather research aircraft."

Embassies requested obtain standing permission described above. Level and precise timing of approach are in Embassies'

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discretion.

FOR ANKARA. Believe these flights fall within existing technical arrangements and no formal approach to GOT required. However, appropriate GOT officials may be brief on true purpose in Ambassador's discretion. TUSLOG will be requested make necessary support arrangements.

FOR TAIPEI. Unless Embassy perceives objection, clearance will be arranged by AIRA through Joint Operations Center as in case of present Buzzard Alpha overflights, and no approach to GRC by Embassy required.

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